

The Brown Box to Bulk Bulletin

2018 Early Fall Edition

State contracted warehouses have begun making USDA Foods deliveries for school year 2018-19 as of August 2018. Allocations for product requested during the pre-order survey will begin in mid-September 2018. Please check the Food Distribution Program green puzzle piece in CNPweb, under the allocations tab to view your school's USDA Foods brown box allocations.

What is the IDOE Food Distribution Program (FDP)?

A program administered through the IDOE for eligible institutions to receive entitlement dollars to purchase food from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). These foods are USDA Foods (aka commodities), can be used within the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and After School Snack Program (ASSP). To learn more about FDP, please visit <http://www.doe.in.gov/nutrition/food-distribution-program>.

Indiana Food Distribution Program: Excessive Storage Charges (THIS ARTICLE PREVIOUSLY RAN IN THE LAST NEWSLETTER)

Effective October 1, 2018, the state will again charge excess storage fees for USDA foods left in the warehouse beyond the item's Expiration Date. Charging for excess storage fees is not a new concept. These charges were stopped about two years ago because of technical difficulties with our web portal. Since then, we made the necessary programming updates and are now able to accurately make these charges again.

Charges will be based on the following table, which represent our average actual contract costs for the current year:

Dry Storage	\$.80	Monthly, Per Case
Cooler Storage	\$.88	Monthly, Per Case
Freezer Storage	\$ 1.07	Monthly, Per Case

Please note that every case of commodities that you receive has "free" storage for approximately 45 days beyond the date that it is placed in your inventory. Since our annual survey allows you to request commodities AS THEY ARE NEEDED, this should allow you to order the commodity for delivery by the expiration date and avoid, or at least minimize, excess storage fees.

The information necessary to avoid these charges is conveniently available on the original Allocation Notice, and again on the Inventory Tab as in the examples below:
(From Allocation Notice)

Upcoming 2018 Events

Click [here](#) to check out our upcoming trainings.

Timeline

September

State contracted warehouses will begin delivering USDA Foods to schools.

Weekly allocations will begin in mid to late September.

October

RAs will begin to be charged excess storage fees for inventory left at the warehouse past the Expire Date listed on the inventory tab in CNPweb. **(See the article in this newsletter).**

November

IDOE will ask RAs for USDA DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable commitments in late November.

FDP
Indiana Department of Education

Allocation Form

Allocation Id: SVY107453

ProgramYear: 2018

Program: NSLP

Region: 2

Warehouse: Elgin Food Company

Allocation Date	Last Acceptance Date	Expiration Date	Close Date
4/13/2018	4/12/2018	5/31/2018	9/30/2018

Code	Description	PAL Value	Alloc Qty	Accept Qty	Avail Qty	Admin Fee	Proc Fee	Total Fees
Entitlement Commodities								
100241	Peaches Cup 4.4 (A416) Size: 96/4.4 OZ CUP Storage: Freezer	45.39	20	20	20	2.95	0.00	59.00
100212	Fruit, Mixed 10 (A470) Size: 6/#10 CAN Storage: Dry	24.43	10	10	0	2.95	0.00	29.50
Total Commodities		1,152.10		30				88.50
Total All Commodities		\$1,152.10		30				\$88.50

(From Inventory Tab)

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Recipient Agency Summary

Applications
Entitlement
Surveys
Allocations
Inventory
Orders
Invoicing

Recipient Agency Inventory * (multiple Expire and/or Close Dates)

	Code	Description	Pack Size	Avail Qty	Expire Date	Close Date
+	100241	Peaches Cup 4.4 (A416)	96/4.4 OZ CUP	20	09/30/2018	10/30/2018
+	100256	Strawberry Cup 4.5 (A417)	96/4.5 OZ CUP	10	09/30/2018	10/30/2018
+	100158	Beef, Fine Grind (A608)	40 LB CTN	*	09/30/2018	10/30/2018

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It is a choice you make, based on available local storage options, but your decision should be informed by the fact that those who do leave commodities will have to pay a fee.

These excessive storage fees will be deducted from your Monthly School Lunch Reimbursement payment on a periodic basis, even if you still have a remaining Invoice Credit. The credit is used only for the base 2.95/case charge.

Over the summer we will be notifying you of enhancements to the displaying of inventory information within CNPweb. Then, enhancements will help you to proactively identify items with expired or near expired dates. This will allow you to effectively manage your inventory and avoid excess storage charges.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have questions.

USDA Department of Defense (DoD) Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

Requests for commitments for the USDA DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program will be sent out via email in mid to late November 2018.



USDA Summer Food Service Program DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Pilot

The 2018 USDA Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Department of Defense (DoD) Fresh Fruit and Vegetable pilot was a success. Like the USDA DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program for the National School Lunch Program, The USDA SFSP program provides healthy produce to students for the summer. Indiana's participant in the pilot was MSD Wayne Township Schools in Indianapolis, Indiana. This township school fed approximately 2500 students during the summer. According to Sara Gasiorowski, Food Service Director, they really liked the program. When asked if they would participate again, the response was positive. Sara's advice to other food service professionals participating in the program is to be flexible regarding delivery days. She also stated that the food service professional needs to understand that variety in produce can vary due to availability. MSD Wayne Township's produce arrived fresh each time from the vendor, Roby's Country Garden and there were no issues with the quality of the product. Admittedly, they did worry about temperatures because of the lengthy trip from Kentucky to Indianapolis, however, the temperatures were in the appropriate range. One drawback expressed by the school was a miscommunication on which day the produce was to be delivered. School staff was expecting it on one day and it arrived the day before. All in all, MSD Wayne Township Schools used all the funds allotted to them and they felt it is great program for summer feeding. She also said that they "loved having individually wrapped products that saved our staff prep time." For more information on USDA DoD Fresh click [here](#).

Your students are eating what????

In this section, we would like to showcase *your* unique ideas and recipes using USDA Foods. Please email Cheryl Moore at cmoore@doe.in.gov to submit your ideas.



Looking for a way to use your USDA Foods sliced ham? Here's an idea.

Green Eggs and Ham Biscuit

Makes: 100 Servings

This recipe contains USDA Foods and is a delicious, nutritious way to get students to try new dishes. Please click [here](#) to view the full recipe. The above recipe and picture is from the **Chef Designed School Breakfast Book by Brenda Wattles, Idaho State Department of Education**. For the entire Chef Designed School Breakfast Book, click [here](#). Other recipes containing USDA Foods can be found [here](#).

Did You Know?

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) will be hosting IDOE Day. This is the day before the ISNA (Indiana State Nutrition Association) Conference. This day of training will take place in Indianapolis on November 7, 2018. For more information click [here](#).

USDA Foods, previously known as commodities, are grown, produced, and packaged in the United States. That means that these products are in compliance with the Buy American provision.

Always Remember To:

- Purchase food commercially. USDA Foods should account for 15-20% of the school's food budget.
- Have staff available to receive USDA Foods deliveries.
- Check expire and close dates on the inventory tab in CNPweb to avoid excess storage charges and/or lost product. The Expire date is when the warehouse begins charging excess storage fees and the close date is when the state takes the product back to redistribute to another institution.
- Place an order of 10 cases or more to avoid drop fees.
- Remove USDA Foods from the state contracted warehouses and processors as soon as possible.
- Check with [ProcessorLink.com](#) and [K12Foodservice.com](#) monthly to verify your raw/bulk product balances. Also, double check both sites to ensure product has not been previously diverted to a processor by food service staff. There may be product available in your school's account.

Definitions and Acronyms

ACDA American Commodity Distribution Association
ASSP After-School Snack Program
DoD Department of Defense
FDP Food Distribution Program
IDOE Indiana Department of Education
NSLP National School Lunch Program
RA Recipient Agency
SBP School Breakfast Program
SFSP School Food Service Program
SY School Year
USDA United States Department of Agriculture

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USDA FOODS Resources

[IDOE Food Distribution Program](#)

[USDA Foods Distribution Programs](#)

[ACDA's RA Processing Handbook](#)

2018-19 State of Indiana Holidays

Columbus Day, October 8, 2018

General Election Day, November 6, 2018

Veteran's Day, November 12, 2018

Thanksgiving, November 22-23, 2018

Christmas, December 24-25, 2018

New Year's Day, January 1, 2019

****State Offices are closed in observance of the above holidays.**